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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

SUBSTITUTED AMENDMENT A AND REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The Office Action dated Mach 26, 2002 from Examiner Jennifer Kolb Michener of Art Unit 1762 has been received and reviewed. On June 26, 2002, a response to this Office Action was filed. However, this response did not include a clean version and a marked up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii) and 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii). A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on July 17, 2002. The following is in response thereto. THE TON